

prototype. All-electric propulsion Navy Combatant presents a strategic advantage in today's world of increasing fuel prices and reliance upon foreign oil. The SSDCP will result in 10,000 times lower fault energy which protects personnel and equipment, while reducing chance of fire. Additionally, it provides greater survivability and mission effectiveness and lower acquisition cost and lower lifetime maintenance costs.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTD&E Army Military Engineering Advanced Technologies.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Convanta Energy.

Address of Requesting Entity: 40 Lane Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004.

Description of Request: Conversion of Municipal Solid Waste to Renewable Diesel was funded for \$1.6 million to provide an assessment of commercially-available technologies and examine existing best practices for using municipal solid waste, and potentially other feedstocks, to create renewable diesel. This funding will also research and test catalytic and non-catalytic systems to convert organic materials into renewable diesel that meets stringent EPA requirements for low sulfur content, resulting in a cleaner burning fuel and added environmental benefits.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

HON. TIM MAHONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a resolution introduced by my colleagues Reps. FRANK PALLONE and RALPH HALL that will create National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. This day will raise awareness and encourage all of us to do more to prevent elder falls.

More than one-third of adults 65 and older fall every year. And almost 2 million of them end up in the emergency room as a result. Falling is also the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those 65 and over.

In fact, according to the National Falls Free Coalition, 436 people fall per year and die as a result—in Florida ALONE. With the baby boomers aging, the U.S. Census Department estimates there will be almost 55 million Americans aged 65 and older by 2020. What's more, the CDC projects that direct treatment costs from older adult falls will escalate to \$43.8 billion annually by 2020. This is unacceptable. Older adults living in America deserve more attention.

It is our responsibility to promote awareness of this important public health problem in an effort to reduce the incidence of falls among older Americans.

I hope that you will join me in recognizing the importance of establishing a National Falls Prevention Awareness Day to raise awareness and encourage prevention of falls among older adults. More funding, research and community pilot programs will hopefully follow, and that is our ultimate goal.

HONORING SEAN DOUGLAS LAWRENCE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Douglas Lawrence of Kansas City, Missouri. Sean is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1260, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sean Douglas Lawrence for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, an organization based in Downtown Los Angeles in my 34th Congressional District, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC) is Southern California's leading organization dedicated to providing the growing Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community with multilingual, culturally-sensitive, legal services and education.

APALC was founded in 1983 by civil rights attorney Stewart Kwoh. In founding APALC, Mr. Kwoh envisioned an organization that would be an effective regional progressive voice and organizational leader focused on solving the problems of racial discrimination and exploitation of low-income workers in certain employment sectors such as the garment industry. In addition to increasing access to legal services and education for the poor, his mission also included improving inter-group relations within the diverse AAPI community as well as among other ethnic groups to address common problems and concerns.

With this vision and under his leadership, APALC has become a key advocate for poor and limited-English proficient (LEP) AAPIs, immigrants, and other community members in Southern California and throughout the state. Over the past 25 years, APALC has assisted more than 200,000 individuals and organizations through its direct services, impact litigation, policy and advocacy, and leadership development.

In the area of direct services, APALC offers the multilingual intake of information through its Asian language hotline. The center offers legal counseling, education and representation in the areas of family law and domestic violence, employment, consumer law, immigration, government benefits and housing. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, it has been my pleasure to assist APALC in obtaining federal funds for technology upgrades in its domestic violence services unit.

In the area of policy and advocacy, APALC has been involved in a wide range of civil rights issues, including hate crimes monitoring, police/community relations, voting rights and immigrant rights. Through statewide collaborations, APALC has helped secure key victories such as welfare programs for elderly immigrants as well as translated contracts and bilingual ballots for LEP Asians. APALC also conducts demographic research, including data collection and analysis, to make data more accessible to the growing AAPI community and the organizations that serve it.

In its "impact litigation" area, APALC has achieved key legal victories. A notable landmark APALC victory resulted in a federal decision establishing retail and manufacturer liability for the wages and working conditions of garment workers hired by contractors and subcontractors in the case of dozens of Thai garment workers who were enslaved in a garment sweatshop in El Monte. APALC has also led or participated in other important civil rights cases, involving English-only workplace policies and city ordinances, education inequality at state universities, redress payments for World War II Japanese American internees, racially discriminatory employment and promotion practices, and unfair business practices.

Finally, APALC's leadership development efforts include more pro-active programming designed to develop and strengthen community advocates who can identify and find resolutions to community concerns. This programming includes the Leadership Development in Inter-ethnic Relations (LDIR) program, which equips community and student leaders with skills to collaborate across racial and other boundaries. APALC also conducts leadership development programs focused on AAPI youth through its Preparing Asian Pacific American Youth Advocates (PAPAYA), an afterschool program at high schools in the San Gabriel Valley. The youth program also works to develop parent leaders to become advocates in their children's education.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of APALC's 25th Anniversary, I join today with fellow leaders throughout my state in recognizing Stewart Kwoh and APALC for their commendable accomplishments advocating on behalf of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, and I wish them many years of continued success ahead.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH